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## Amendments to the Claims:

- 1. (Previously Presented) An oily dispersion of pigments for protection against UV radiation, characterized by comprising, in a single oily base, zinc oxide and titanium dioxide added in the form of a powder, wherein the two pigments are dispersed in a single oily dispersing vehicle wherein the concentration of TiO<sub>2</sub> ranges from 30% to 35%, by weight, and the concentration of ZnO ranges from 2% to 25%, by weight, and the said dispersion further comprises a single emollient vehicle.
- 2. (Original) The oily dispersion according to claim 1, characterized in that the ratio between the pigments of TiO<sub>2</sub> and ZnO is 3:1.
  - 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Original) The oily dispersion according to claim 1, characterized in that the total concentration of powders in the dispersion is of 40% by weight.
  - 5-7 (Cancelled)
- 8. (Currently Amended) The oily dispersion according to claim  $\underline{1}$  [[7]], characterized in that the concentration of ZnO ranges from 5 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the dispersion.
- 9. (Original) The oily dispersion according to claim 1, characterized in that the particle size of the TiO<sub>2</sub> and ZnO pigments used ranges from 15 to 100 nanometers.
- 10. (Original) The oily dispersion according to claim 1, characterized in that the dispersing vehicle is selected from the group consisting of polyethyleneglycol and silicone esters.
- 11. (Original) The oily dispersion according to claim 10, characterized in that the dispersing vehicle is dipolyhydroxy stearate PEG 30.

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- 12. (Original) The oily dispersion according to claim 1, characterized in that the emollient is selected from the group consisting of isocetyl stearoyl stearate, glycerol tri-2-ethyl hexanoate and propoxylated stearylic alcohol.
- 13. (Original) The oily dispersion according to claim 1, characterized in that the emollient is used in a concentration ranging from 45 to 65% by weight, based on the total weight of the dispersion.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing an oily dispersion as defined in any one of claims 1, 2, 4 [[-7]], and 9 13 which comprises mixing a concentration of TiO<sub>2</sub> pigment ranging from 30% to 35%, by weight, and a concentration of ZnO pigment ranging from 2% to 25%, by weight, an oily dispersing vehicle and an emollient vehicle, characterized by comprising a first step of mixing the dispersing vehicle and the emollient vehicle to form a single oily phase, followed by a step of adding, under stirring, the TiO<sub>2</sub> and ZnO pigments to the oily phase obtained in the first step.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition characterized by comprising a dispersion as defined in any one of claims 1, 2, 4 [[[-7]], and 9 13 in association with cosmetically acceptable ingredients.